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CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA

(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)

Basic Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports

Year Ended December 31, 2004

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT . CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Robert J. Black City Court of Bogalusa Bogalusa, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City Court of Bogalusa, a component unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, which collectively comprise the Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City Court of Bogalusa's management. My responsibility is to express an opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City Court of Bogalusa, as of December 31, 2004, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budget comparison schedules are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are required supplemental information by the Governmental Auditing Standards Board. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Management has not presented management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated May 25, 2005 on my consideration of the City Court of Bogalusa's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

Certified Public Accountant

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Bogalusa, Louisiana May 25, 2005

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2004

ASSETS		
Cash	\$	71,254
Investments		16,785
Internal balances		6,266
Capital assets:		
Depreciable equipment, net		3,836
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	98,141
LIABILITIES		
Due to litigants and others	\$	57,681
Total liabilities		57,681
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets		3,836
Unrestricted		36,624
Total net assets		40,460
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	98,141

CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA
(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

				Pr	rogran	Program revenues	Se	and	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	e) Ke	venue Assets
) U		ပိုင်	Charges for	Gra	Grants and Contribution	Capital Grants and	Gove	Governmental]
Functions/Programs		czbenses	ō	Services		y	Contributions	₹	Activities		- otal
General government- Judicial	€	\$ 195,662	₽	57,759 \$ 141,650	8		6	€	3,747 \$	↔	3,747
	General	eral revenues:	les:								
	Ĕ	Interest							1,446		1,446
	ž	Miscellaneous	s						1,137		1,137
	Ď	Total general revenues	reve	sanus					2,583		2,583
		Change in net assets	net a	ssets					6,330		6,330
	Net 8	Net assets-beginning	innin	ğ					34,130		34,130
	Net a	Net assets-ending	ing					S	40,460	မှာ	\$ 40,460

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA (A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Balance Sheet Governmental Funds December 31, 2004

	-	eneral Fund		Special evenue Fund	Total
ASSETS					
Cash	\$	15,616	\$	55,638	\$71,254
Investments		3,000		13,785	16,785
Due from other funds		11,910			11,910_
Total assets		30,526		69,423	99,949
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Due to litigants and others	\$		\$	57,681	\$57,681
Due to other funds				5,644	5,644
Total liabilities		-		63,325	63,325
Fund balances:					
Unreserved, reported in:					
General fund		30,526			30,526
Special revenue fund		00,020		6,098	6,098
Total fund balances		30,526		6,098	36,624
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Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$</u>	30,526	\$	69,423	
Amounts reported for governmental active assets are different because:	ities	in the state	emer	it of net	
Capital assets used in governmental ac	-tivitiz	es are not f	finan	cial	
resources and therefore are not repo				Olai	\$ 3,836
Net assets of governmental activities					\$40,460

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	General	Special Revenue	
	Fund	Fund	Total
Revenues			
Court fees	\$ 27,651	\$ 26,558	\$ 54,209
Judges supplemental compensation		5,497	5,497
Intergovernmental	80,487	55,666	136,153
Interest	1,446		1,446
Other	3,262	1,425	4,687
Total revenues	112,846	89,146	201,992
Expenditures			
Current:			
General government-			
Judicial-			
Payments to Judge		10,118	10,118
Commissions to Marshal		11,004	11,004
Salary	70,070	49,346	119,416
Fringe benefits	10,417	6,320	16,737
Judge's supplemental compensation		5,497	5,497
Legal and professional	8,575		8,575
Equipment service contracts	1,732		1,732
Telephone and postage	623	1	624
Court costs		1,447	1,447
Library	49		49
Retirement	1,912	1,315	3,227
Commissions to clerk		3,592	3,592
Refund of advances		2,003	2,003
Travel	8,882		8,882
Supplies	250	78	328
Dues and subscriptions	327		327
Miscellaneous	241		241
Seminar fees	532		532
Capital outlay	235		235
Total expenditures	103,845	90,721	194,566
Net change in fund balances	9,001	(1,575)	7,426
Fund balances-beginning	21,525	7,673	29,198
Fund balances-ending	\$ 30,526	\$ 6,098	\$ 36,624

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

Net change in fund balances—total governmental funds	\$ 7,426
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount of depreciation expense in the current period.	 (1,096)
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$ 6,330

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets Fiduciary Fund December 31, 2004

	Agency Fund
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 69,605
Total assets	\$ 69,605
LIABILITIES	
Due to other funds	\$ 6,266
Bond deposits	63,339
Total liabilities	69,605
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	-
Total net assets	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 69,605

CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA (A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements December 31, 2004

INTRODUCTION

The City Court of Bogalusa (a component unit of the City of Bogalusa) is a court of limited jurisdiction and serves Ward 4 of Washington Parish, Louisiana. The Judge of the Court is an elected official.

According to Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 the City of Bogalusa (the City) is the financial reporting entity for the Court. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (the City), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Even though the City Court Judge is an independently elected official, and is legally separate from the City, the Court is considered a component unit of the City because of fiscal dependence. The City provides the courtroom and office space for the Court. The City also pays salaries and retirement for the Court's secretaries. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Court, and do not present information on the City.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the City Court of Bogalusa have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principle.

A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of not assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment.

CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA
(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana)
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter is excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The City Court reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the Court's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Court, except civil filings.

The Special Revenue Fund accounts for the Court's civil filings.

The City Court also reports one fiduciary fund which is used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity. The fund is custodial in nature and does not present results of operations or have a management focus.

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

C. Deposits and investments

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition. State law and the Court's investment policy allows

(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

investments in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities. Investments are reported at fair market value.

D. Receivables and Payables

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e. the noncurrent portion of interfund loans).

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include just equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Court maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Estimated
Description	Lives
Equipment	5-20 years

F. Compensated Absences

The Court is not responsible for wages, vacations or sick pay; thus, there are no salary related accruals. The City of Bogalusa is responsible for the salaries of the Court's employees.

G. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the

(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The budget was prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting and was not amended.

3. ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

GASB Statement 24 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for pass-through grants, food stamps, and on-behalf payments for fringe benefits and salaries. The following were amounts paid on-behalf of the Court for employee salaries and fringe benefits during 2004:

Revenue:

State of Louisiana Washington Parish Government	\$	37,340 18.425
City of Bogalusa		80,388
	\$	136,153

In accordance with Statement No. 24, they are included as revenue, and expenditures in the accompanying financial statements.

4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 2004, the City Court of Bogalusa has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$140,859 as follows:

Demand deposits Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 13,988 12 <u>6,8</u> 71
Total	\$ 140 859

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times

(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. At December 31, 2004, the City Court of Bogalusa has \$166,309 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$100,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$108,828 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

5. INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 2004, the City Court of Bogalusa holds investments of Certificates of Deposit totaling \$16,785. These investments were fully secured from risk by federal deposit insurance.

6. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, for the Court follows:

	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	Increases	<u>Decreases</u>	Ending Balance
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Equipment	5,480			5,480
Total capital assets being depreciated	5,480	<u>-</u>		5,480
Less accumulated depreciation	(548)	(1,096)		(1,644)
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 4,932	\$ (1,096)	\$	\$ 3,836

Depreciation expense of \$1,096 for the year ended December 31, 2004, was charged to general government.

7. PENSION PLANS

a. City Judge

The City Court Judge is a member of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS).

1. Plan Description

LASERS is the administrator of a single-employer defined benefit pension plan and is a component unit of the State of Louisiana and is

(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

included in the state's CAFR as a pension trust fund. The financial report may be obtained by writing to Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, Post Office Box 44213, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4213.

LASERS is one of several public retirement systems in Louisiana. Each has specific membership requirements established by legislation.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

<u>Basis of Accounting.</u> LASERS' financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and expenses are recognized in the period incurred.

<u>Method Used to Value Investments</u>. Investments are reported at fair value.

3. Contributions

Member contribution rates for LASERS are established by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:62. Member contributions are deducted from their salary and remitted to LASERS by participating employers.

4. Concentrations

Investments held by LASERS on June 30, 2004 include:

Short-term Investments-Domestic	\$ 406,659,192
U.S. Government Obligations	453,183,609
Bonds/Fixed Income-Domestic	653,811,272
Bonds/Fixed Income-International	425,666,540
Equity Securities-Domestic	2,997,721,043
Equity Securities-International	1,094,007,887
Real Estate Investments	36,559,190
Alternative Investments	<u>466,764,746</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$ 6,534,373,479</u>

b. Clerks

The secretaries of the City Court of Bogalusa are employees of the City of Bogalusa and are members of the City Employees' Retirement System.

(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

1. Plan Description

The City Employees' Retirement System (CERS) is a single-employer defined benefit plan that covers appointive officers and permanent employees of the City except police and fire departments.

CERS financial statements are included in the general-purpose financial statements of the City of Bogalusa. The financial report may be obtained by writing to City Employees' Retirement System, Post Office Box 1179, Bogalusa, Louisiana 70427.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

<u>Basis of Accounting</u>. The financial statements of the City Employees' Retirement System are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable.

Method Used to Value Investments. All investments are fixed-income securities and common stock, and are reported at fair market value based on quoted market prices.

3. Contributions

Plan members are required to contribute 6% of their annual covered salary; the City of Bogalusa contributes 11%.

4. Concentrations

Investments held by the City Employees' Retirement System on June 30, 2004 include:

Institutional Money Markets Bonds, notes and mortgages	\$ 1,573,109 4,834,543
Mutual Funds	520,312
Total	<u>\$ 6,927,964</u>

CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA (A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (continued)

8. AGENCY FUND TRANSFERS

The financial activity of agency funds does not represent revenues and expenditures and as such is not included in the combined statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. This fund is used to account for the assets held by the Court for other governmental entities.

During the current year, the Court's agency fund made the following remittances to other governmental units:

Balance, beginning of year	\$
Additions:	
Fines collected-	
City of Bogalusa	53,201
Washington Parish Government	28,049
District Attorney	3,825
Costs collected-	·
City of Bogalusa (officer's witness fee)	7,700
Juvenile Justice Commission	8,960
Marshal's Fund	23,100
Indigent Defenders Board	53,900
State Reports	2,124
Louisiana Law Enforcement Training	3,080
Crime Victims Reparations Fund	4,110
Other	7 <u>,567</u>
Total additions	195,616
Reductions:	
City of Bogalusa	53,201
Washington Parish Government	28,049
District Attorney	3,825
City of Bogalusa (officers' witness fee)	7,700
Juvenile Justice Commission	8,960
Marshal's Fund	23,100
Indigent Defenders Board	53,900
State Reports	2,124
Louisiana Law Enforcement Training	3,018
LLET-Commission paid to J. E. Account	62
Crime Victims Reparations Fund	4,110
Other	7,567
Total reductions	<u>195,616</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ -0-</u>

CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA (A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (concluded)

9. SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

For each new civil court case, a fee is charged for the Judges' Supplemental Compensation as required by state law. The cost collected is remitted to the state to help defray the cost of Judges' salaries. The fee was \$18.00 from January through June, 2004 and \$18.50 July through December, 2004.

10. PAYMENTS TO JUDGE

Payments made to Judge Robert J. Black during 2004 was \$10,118.

11. DUE FROM/TO OTHER FUNDS

Individual balances due from/to other funds at December 31, 2004 are as follows:

	Due to	Due from
<u>Fund</u>	Other Funds	Other Funds
General Fund	\$	\$ 11,910
Special Revenue Fund	5,644	
Fiduciary Fund	<u>6,266</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 11,910</u>	<u>\$ 11,910</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA (A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Rudgeted	Amounts	Actual Amounts (Budgetary	Variance with Final Budget Positive		
	Original	Final	Basis)		(Negative)_	
Revenues					<u>oguo/</u>	
Court fees	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 27,651	\$	3,651	
Interest	425	425	1,446	•	1,021	
Intergovernmental	79,024	79,024	80,487		1,463	
Other	-	-	3,262		3,262	
Total revenues	103,449	103,449	112,846		9,397	
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government-						
Judicial-						
Salary	72,920	72,920	70,070		2,850	
Fringe benefits	12,439	12,439	10,417		2,022	
Legal and professional	6,500	6,500	8,575		(2.075)	
Equipment service contracts	3,200	3,200	1,732		1,468	
Telephone and postage	800	800	623		177	
Library	1,000	1,000	49		951	
Retirement	2,500	2,500	1,912		588	
Travel	7,000	7,000	8,882		(1,882)	
Supplies	600	600	250		350	
Dues and subscriptions	1,000	1,000	327		673	
Miscellaneous	600	600	241		359	
Seminar fees	1,500	1,500	532		968	
Capital outlay	6,800	6,800	235		6,565	
Total expenditures	116,859	116,859	103,845		13,014	
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over						
expenditures	(13,410)	(13,410)	9,001		22,411	
Fund balance, beginning	21,526	21,526	21,525		(1)	
Fund balance, ending	\$ 8,116	\$ 8,116	\$ 30,526	\$	22,410	

See accompanying auditor's report.

(A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) Budgetary Comparison Schedule Special Revenue Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

			Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget	
	Budgeted Amounts		(Budgetary	Positive	
	Original	Final	Basis)	(Negative)	
Revenues					
Court fees	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 26,558	\$ (3,442)	
Interest	1,040	1,040	-	(1,040)	
Intergovernmental	49,015	49,015	<i>55,666</i>	6,651	
Other	-	-	1,425	1,425	
Judges supplemental compensation	6,800	6,800	5,497	(1,303)	
Total revenues	86,855	86,855	89,146	2,291	
Expenditures					
Current:					
General government-					
Judicial-					
Payments to Judge	14,000	14,000	10,118	3,882	
Commissions to Marshal	11,000	11,000	11,004	(4)	
Salary	39,460	39,460	49,346	(9,886)	
Fringe benefits	6,220	6,220	6,320	(100)	
Judge's supplemental compensation	6,800	6,800	5,497	1,303	
Telephone and postage	800	800	1	799	
Court costs	2,000	2,000	1,447	553	
Retirement	2,500	2,500	1,315	1,185	
Commissions to clerk	3,500	3,500	3,592	(92)	
Refund of advances	3,000	3,000	2,003	997	
Supplies	200_	200	78_	122	
Total expenditures	89,480	89,480	90,721	(1,241)	
Excess(deficiency) of revenues over					
expenditures	(2,625)	(2,625)	(1,575)	1,050	
Fund balance, beginning	7,674	7,674	7,673	(1)	
Fund balance, ending	\$ 5,049	\$ 5,049	\$ 6,098	\$ 1,049	

See accompanying auditor's report.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT . CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Honorable Robert J. Black City Court of Bogalusa Bogalusa, Louisiana

I have audited the basic financial statements of City Court of Bogalusa, a component unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, and have issued my report thereon dated May 25, 2005. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether City Court of Bogalusa's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered City Court of Bogalusa's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of

the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of City Court of Bogalusa's management, the Mayor, the City Council, and the office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Certified Public Accountant

Ruland M. Sunf

Bogalusa, Louisiana May 25, 2005

CITY COURT OF BOGALUSA (A Component Unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana) SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

I have audited the basic financial statements of City Court of Bogalusa, a component unit of the City of Bogalusa, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, and have issued my report thereon dated May 25, 2005. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. My audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2004 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses [] Yes [X] No

Reportable Conditions [] Yes [X] No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements [] Yes [X] No

Section II Financial Statements Findings

No current year findings were noted.

Section III Status of Prior-Year Findings

There were no prior-year findings.